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Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Re: U.S. Application No. 10/785,114  
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Title: Novel Proteins and Methods for Producing the  
Proteins  
Applicant(s): Masaaki GOTO *et al.*  
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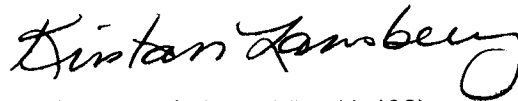
Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. an Amendment and Response to the Office Action mailed January 11, 2007.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any additional fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing matter number 16991.016.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosure